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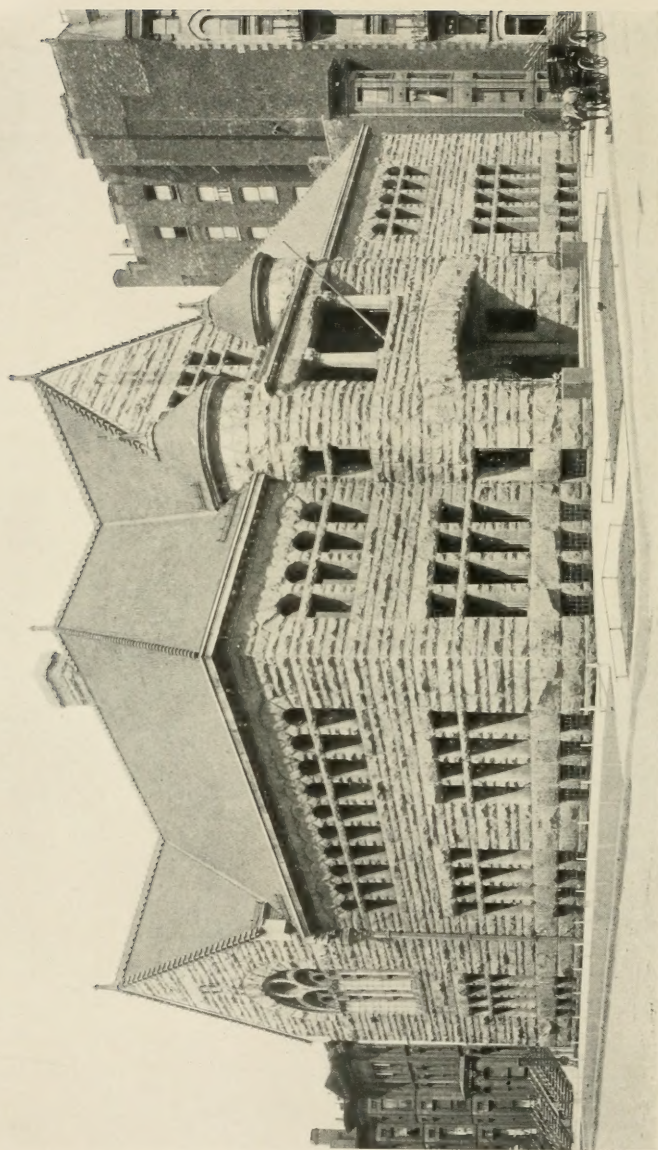












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# CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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CHARTER, CONSTITUTION

BY-LAWS

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ANNUAL REPORT



1906



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*Membership in the Society may be had only upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. There is no entrance fee. Life membership, free from all dues, is five hundred dollars; annual membership twenty-five dollars. These payments carry with them the right to hold office, to vote, and take part in the proceedings of the Society; to the use of the Library and Reading-room; to admission to all lectures and entertainments, and to a copy of the society's current publications.*

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
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## CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, it is conducive to the public good of a State, to encourage such institutions as have for their object to collect and preserve the memorials of its founders and benefactors, as well as the historical evidences of its progress in settlement and population, and in the arts, improvements, and institutions which distinguish a civilized community, and to transmit the same for the instruction and benefit of future generations:

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That* Wm. H. Brown, William B. Ogden, J. Young Scammon, Mason Brayman, Mark Skinner, Geo. Manierre, John H. Kinzie, J. V. Z. Blaney, E. I. Tinkham, J. D. Webster, W. A. Smallwood, V. H. Higgins, N. S. Davis, Charles H. Ray, S. D. Ward, M. D. Ogden, F. Scammon, E. B. McCagg, and William Barry, all of the City of Chicago, who have associated for the purpose aforesaid, be and are hereby formed into and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY," and that they and their successors, and such others as shall be legally elected by them as their associates, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name, forever.

SEC. 2. Said Society shall have power to elect a President, and all necessary officers, and shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change and renew at pleasure; and, as a body politic and corporate, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits, both in law and equity, to final judgment and execution.

SEC. 3. The said Society shall have power to make all orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may expel, disfranchise, or suspend any member, who, by his misconduct, shall be rendered unworthy, or who shall neglect or refuse to observe the rules and by-laws of this Society.

SEC. 4. The said Society may, from time to time, establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings; and is hereby



empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: *Provided*, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

SEC. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State, in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

*Approved, February 7, 1857.*

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. The said Society shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its real estate to secure the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be used in completing and paying for the buildings now in process of erection on the real estate of said Society. And the real estate and property of said Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1867.*

# CONSTITUTION.

Adopted, 1856.

Revised, November 29, 1870.

Amended, January 16, 1883.

Revised, November 21, 1893.

Amended, November 20, 1906.

## ARTICLE I.

### NAME AND OBJECTS.

This society shall be called the CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Its object shall be to institute and encourage historical inquiry, to collect and preserve the materials of history, and to spread historical information, especially concerning the Northwestern States.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of Honorary Life, Life, Annual, Honorary, and Corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot only at a regular meeting of the Society, and only upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, unless, by unanimous consent, they shall be elected by a *viva-voce* vote cast at a regular meeting by twelve legally-qualified voters. Three adverse ballots or three dissenting votes shall reject the candidate.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership shall be as follows: For Life-Membership, five hundred dollars payable in money, or by services rendered or donations made, and publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to exceed that amount in value to the Society: and for Annual Membership, twenty-five dollars per annum, the dues for the first fiscal year being payable within one month after election to membership and notice of such election; *provided*, that when such election shall occur after January first, the dues for the balance of said fiscal year shall be for the proportionate part of the twenty-five dollars, and payable within thirty days after such election and notice.

Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that value to the Society's collections, may be elected Honorary Life Members, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The President and Secretary shall issue a Diploma, under seal of the Society, and certifying the class of membership, to each member elected, upon payment of the dues.

SEC. 3. The right to hold office and vote, and to take any part in the proceedings of the Society, shall be accorded to and may be exercised only by the members of the three classes first hereinbefore named.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the President of the Society, *ex-officio*, who shall be the chairman thereof, and eight others, all of which aforementioned officers shall be members of the Society, and also a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Secretary.

SEC. 2. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings for one year, and shall respectively remain in office until the election of their successors.

They shall perform such duties as are common to such officers or as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Vacancies occurring from any cause in any of these offices may be filled by ballot at any special meeting, notice of such election being given in the notice of such meeting.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings, two members of which shall, from the time of the first election hereunder, hold their office until the next annual election of officers; two of them until the second such election; two of them until the third such election; and two of them until the fourth such election. The terms for which the first members so chosen at the first election shall hold their office, shall be determined by lot immediately after such election.

SEC. 4. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected by ballot two persons to fill the places vacant by the expiration of the term of those heretofore elected as members of the Executive Committee, and of those who shall hereafter be elected such members.

On the expiration of the term of any of the members of said committee, their successors shall be elected by ballot for the term of four years.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee during an unexpired term, caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to act, may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of said committee, until the succeeding annual election, at which time such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as members of said committee are elected for the full term of their office.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee, constituted above, shall alone hold, manage, administer, and control all the money, property, effects, and affairs of the Society: and said committee may appoint a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Secretary, and such assistants and employes in the service of the Society as to said committee may seem fit; and may prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of such officers, assistants and employes; and said committee may make investments of the Society's funds, *provided* that no fund bequeathed to or held by the Society for a specific purpose shall be appropriated to or used for any other purpose, and *provided* further that said committee shall not incur any liability on the part of said Society in any one year which shall exceed its annual income; and it shall be the duty of said committee to make an annual report to the Society of all its acts and doings.

## ARTICLE IV.

### MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relating to the affairs of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of November in each year, and the fiscal year of the Society shall begin with the first day of November in each year and end with the thirty-first day of the following October.

SEC. 2. The regular meetings shall be held at such times and conducted in such manner as shall be pre-



scribed in the By-Laws and directed by the Executive Committee, provided no such regular meeting shall occur at the same time with the annual meeting.

SEC. 3. At the annual meetings not less than twelve members having the right to vote, and at the special business meetings not less than seven such members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Special meetings and special business meetings may be called by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, of which due notice shall be given at least two days beforehand.

## ARTICLE V.

### AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any annual or special meeting; *provided* that a printed or written copy of the proposed alterations or amendments shall have accompanied the notice of the meeting at which they shall be acted upon; and provided further that not less than twelve members having the right to vote shall be present when such vote is taken.

## BY-LAWS.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. I. SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and call such special meetings and special business meetings as he may deem necessary, or as he may, in writing, be requested to call by five members of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President from the meetings of the Society or from Chicago.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee may adopt such rules for their own action not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, as they may find most convenient and necessary.

SEC. 4. All nominations to membership shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, and reported upon by them to the Society.



## MEETINGS.

ART. II. SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each of the following named months, to-wit: January, April and October.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of November, the precise hour in the case of this and all other meetings of the Society being designated by the President and stated in the notice of the meeting.

SEC. 3. The exercises of the regular and special meetings of the Society shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee, and in general conformity with the objects of the Society.

SEC. 4. The order of business at the special business meetings of the Society shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the next preceding business meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Deferred business.
6. New business.

SEC. 5. The order of business at the annual meeting of the Society shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the next preceding meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees and Trustees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Deferred business.
7. New business.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ART. III. SECTION 1. The dues of the annual members of the Society shall be payable annually in advance on the third Tuesday of November in each year.

SEC. 2. Should the dues of any member remain unpaid for the space of one month, the Executive Committee shall notify him in writing, that unless his dues are paid within one month from the date of such notice his membership shall cease, and unless such dues are paid

pursuant to such notice, or such default is accounted for to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, such person shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.

#### SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENTS.

ART. IV. The By-Laws in whole or in part may be suspended during any special business or annual meeting, by vote of a majority of the members present at any such meeting. The By-Laws may be amended on the same conditions prescribed for amending the Constitution.

## REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

### NOVEMBER 20, 1906.

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The annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held in the Reading Room of the Society's Building, corner of Dearborn avenue and Ontario street, on Tuesday evening, November 20, 1906, pursuant to notice given and as ordered by its Constitution.

Following the plan inaugurated at the last annual meeting the Committee on House and Collections, with the coöperation of the Librarian, had on display in the Reading Room many of the Society's most valuable accessions acquired during the fiscal year.

The autograph of President Roosevelt; original letters to and from officers at Fort Dearborn 1803-12; the gold medal awarded the Society for its exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition 1901; oil portrait of Chicago's second mayor, an extensive catalogued collection of Indian relics; several portraits of pioneer citizens, portraits of Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant, Douglas; photographs of glacial evidences in the Sanitary District; early diploma of the Mechanics Institute (Chicago 1860); photographs and souvenirs of the laying of the cornerstone of the Cook County Court House, early Chicago directories and manuscripts; mementos of Lincoln; these and other articles enlisted the interest of the members present and furnished them evidence of the active prosecution of the Society's work. More detailed mention of these and other accessions is made in the reports of the Executive Committee and the Librarian, and their perusal is recommended as being both interesting and instructive, and as a proof that the Society is diligently and persistently collecting and preserving priceless materials of history in its chosen field, Chicago and the Northwest.

At the appointed hour PRESIDENT HEAD called the meeting to order, the following members being present: HENRY BARTHOLOMAY, JR., JOSEPH T. BOWEN, CLARENCE A. BURLEY, THOMAS DENT, ALBERT DICKINSON, GEORGE H. FERGUS, WALTER L. FISHER, WILLIAM A. FULLER, CHARLES F. GUNTHER, HENRY E. HAMILTON, FRANKLIN H. HEAD, GEORGE S. ISHAM, SAMUEL H. KERFOOT, JR.,

GEORGE MERRYWEATHER, WALTER C. NEWBERRY, ERSKINE M. PHELPS, WILLIAM P. REND, OTTO L. SCHMIDT, RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, FRED M. SCHMIDT, WILLIAM C. SEIPP, LAMBERT TREE, also the SECRETARY and the LIBRARIAN; PRESIDENT HEAD in the chair.

After ascertaining that a quorum was present, THE PRESIDENT called for the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. MR. GUNTHER moved that inasmuch as the proceedings of that meeting had been printed and distributed to the members, the reading be dispensed with. The motion was seconded by MR. PHELPS and others and accordingly adopted.

THE PRESIDENT announced that the next item in the order of business was the Reports of Officers.

MR. KERFOOT announced that in pursuance of the precedent established last year the Executive Committee had caused the annual reports to be printed in pamphlet form, and that they were now in the hands of the members present; that the originals of the reports would be presented *without reading* at this meeting, and printed in permanent form in the Society's Year Book. MR. KERFOOT then moved that the reading of the reports be dispensed with. The motion was seconded by MR. BURLEY and carried.

The Secretary then presented the following:

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1906.

*To the Members of the Chicago Historical Society:*

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the Society's Constitution, the Executive Committee has the honor to submit its Annual Report to the Society as follows:

### FUNDS.

The Society's Funds consist of eight special funds and a general fund.

THE HENRY D. GILPIN FUND (\$66,070.92, as per their report) is under the exclusive care and management of trustees appointed under the will of HENRY D. GILPIN. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are CLARENCE A. BURLEY, EUGENE H. FISHBURN, WALTER L. FISHER and ERSKINE

M. PHELPS, and the President and First Vice-President of the Society, *ex officio*s. A full statement of the fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on pages 133-134.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy of \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots. The account is as follows:

|  |          |          |
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| Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905.  | \$117.22 |          |
| Received rent on Trowbridge property..     | 114.00   | \$231.22 |
|  |          | <hr/>    |
| Paid for repairs, taxes, etc., on same.... | \$ 59.99 |          |
| Paid for publication of lectures.....      | 108.25   | \$168.24 |
|  |          | <hr/>    |
| Available balance on hand, Nov. 20, 1906.  |          | \$ 62.98 |

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

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| Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905 ..... | \$ 84.12 |
| Received interest on bond .....                | 50.00    |
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| Available balance on hand Nov. 20, 1906 .....  | \$134.12 |

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The premium and accrued interest on the bond was advanced out of the General Fund and is in part still due it. The account stands as follows:

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| Balance due General Fund, Nov. 21, 1905, (premium and interest advanced) ..... | \$ 57.50 |
| Received interest on bond (paid into General Fund)                             | 50.00    |
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| Balance due General Fund, Nov. 20, 1906 .....                                  | \$ 7.50  |

THE HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT JACKSON FUND is a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Huntington Wolcott Jackson. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The following statement shows the condition of the fund:



|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905 ..... | \$ 6.14 |
| Received interest on bond .....                | 50.00   |

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|--|----------|
| Available balance on hand, Nov. 20, 1906 ..... | \$ 56.14 |
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THE LUCRETIA POND FUND, being the proceeds of a bequest of real estate to the Society by Lucretia Pond, consists of a principal of \$13,500, the income to be used in the purchase of books, pamphlets and documents, or pictures and paintings of historical interest.

The fund is now invested in:

Four \$1,000 four and one-half per cent South Side Elevated Railway Company's bonds.

Eight \$1,000 five per cent Peoples' Gas Light and Coke Company's Refunding bonds.

One \$500 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company's bond.

One \$1,000 four per cent first mortgage Metropolitan Elevated West Side Railway Company's bond.

The account of this fund stands as follows:

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Available balance on hand, after purchasing Metropolitan bond ..... | \$ 40.42 |          |
| Received interest on bonds during year...                           | 645.62   | \$686.04 |

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|--|----------|----------|
| Paid General Fund on account of premium and interest advanced. | \$561.28 |          |
| Paid out for books and periodicals.                            | 122.90   | \$684.18 |
| Available balance on hand Nov. 20, 1906                        |          | \$ 1.86  |

THE ELIZABETH HAMMOND STICKNEY FUND consists of \$5,000 from the late Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney Library and making additions thereto. It is invested in five \$1,000 general mortgage, four per cent bonds of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company. The account of this fund stands as follows:

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905.      | \$632.80 |          |
| Received interest on bonds .....               | 200.00   | \$832.80 |
| Paid for Kingsbury Papers .....                |          | 200.00   |
| Available balance on hand, Nov. 20, 1906 ..... | \$632.80 |          |



THE ELIAS T. WATKINS FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elias T. Watkins. The full amount was received in February, 1904, and is invested in five \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The premium and interest on the bonds was advanced out of the General Fund, a part of which is still due that fund. The account stands as follows:

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| Balance due General Fund Nov. 21, 1905 (premium and interest advanced) ..... | \$287.50 |
| Received interest on bonds (paid into General Fund) .....                    | 250.00   |

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| Balance due General Fund, Nov. 20, 1906..... | \$ 37.50 |
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THE GENERAL FUND, from which the general expenditures of the Society are made, is derived principally from the annual dues of members, together with such gifts as are made from time to time without special restrictions. The account of this fund stands as follows:

## GENERAL FUND.

NOVEMBER 21, 1905, TO NOVEMBER 20, 1906.

### RECEIPTS.

|   |          |             |
|---|----------|-------------|
| Balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905 ...\$  | 1,399.22 |             |
| Dues from annual members .....  | 4,219.00 |             |
| Trustees of Gilpin Fund .....   | 1,800.00 |             |
| Donations .....   | 400.00   |             |
| Interest and other sources .....  | 309.25   |             |
| Repayment of interest and premiums advanced on bonds purchased by Special Funds ..... | 861.28   |             |
|   | <hr/>    | \$ 8,988.75 |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Salaries .....                                | \$ 4,227.46 |             |
| Repairs and betterments .....                 | 36.70       |             |
| Books and documents .....                     | 322.22      |             |
| Printing .....                                | 266.00      |             |
| Cahokia Court House Removal (donations) ..... | 390.00      |             |
| General expenses .....                        | 1,969.49    |             |
| Cash on hand, Nov. 20, 1906....               | 1,776.88    |             |
|   | <hr/>       | \$ 8,988.75 |

# TRIAL BALANCE.

NOVEMBER 20, 1906.

|  | Dr.          | Cr.          |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund .....                       |              | \$227,776.88 |
| Jonathan Burr Fund .....                 |              | 2,062.98     |
| Philo Carpenter Fund .....               |              | 1,134.12     |
| Huntington W. Jackson Fund....           |              | 1,056.14     |
| Henry D. Gilpin Fund .....               |              | 66,070.92    |
| Lucretia Pond Fund .....                 |              | 13,501.86    |
| Elizabeth Hammond Stickney<br>Fund ..... |              | 5,632.80     |
| T. Mauro Garrett Fund .....              |              | 1,000.00     |
| Elias T. Watkins Fund .....              |              | 5,000.00     |
| Bills receivable .....                   | \$ 1,000.00  |              |
| Bonds .....                              | 26,500.00    |              |
| *Real estate .....                       | 227,000.00   |              |
| Trustees Henry D. Gilpin Fund ..         | 66,070.92    |              |
| Cash .....                               | 2,664.78     |              |
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|  | \$323,235.70 | \$323,235.70 |

\*Society's Building and land \$225,000  
Burr Fund ..... 2,000

## DIGEST OF TRIAL BALANCE.

| FUND                   | Cash       | Bills<br>Rec'bl | Bonds    | Real<br>Estate | Trustees<br>Gilpin<br>Fund | TOTALS.      |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| General .....          | \$1,776.88 | \$1,000         |          | \$225,000      |                            | \$227,776.88 |
| Jonathan Burr .....    | 62.98      |                 |          | 2,000          |                            | 2,062.98     |
| Philo Carpenter .....  | 134.12     |                 | \$ 1,000 |                |                            | 1,134.12     |
| T. Mauro Garrett ..... |            |                 | 1,000    |                |                            | 1,000.00     |
| H. W. Jackson .....    | 56.14      |                 | 1,000    |                |                            | 1,056.14     |
| Henry D. Gilpin .....  |            |                 |          |                | \$66,070.92                | 66,070.92    |
| Lucretia Pond .....    | 1.86       |                 | 13,500   |                |                            | 13,501.86    |
| Elizabeth H. Stickney  | 632.80     |                 | 5,000    |                |                            | 5,632.80     |
| Elias T. Watkins ..... |            |                 | 5,000    |                |                            | 5,000.00     |
| Totals .....           | \$2,664.78 | \$1,000         | \$26,500 | \$227,000      | \$66,070.92                | \$323,235.70 |

The Treasurer's Report is appended and appears on page 135.

The foregoing report shows that the Society is *entirely free from debt*; that its work is being systematically and zealously carried on; that its several trust funds are intact and invested in approved bonds, and that the cash balance in the treasury is somewhat greater than at the time of the last annual report. This last fact is due to the rigid economy of the Executive Committee and not to any increase in the Society's income. The Society's work and its usefulness to the community are greatly restricted by its lack of adequate funds. Death has taken from it many of its oldest and most zealous members, and the vacancies thus caused have in too few instances been filled, as they should be, by their descendants. The Executive Committee is not discouraged by the existing conditions. With the cash balance on hand and membership dues for the ensuing year they will continue their labors and push on the Society's work to the extent of their resources with full confidence in the future. Each year, however, serves to emphasize the growing necessity for an increased annual membership and for liberal additions to the Society's endowment funds. The Executive Committee is fully impressed with the value which the Society is, *and the far greater value which it should be*, to the community, and it appeals to the members to interest themselves more actively in its work. There are hundreds of worthy citizens of Chicago, both men and women, who should be members of the Society, and the Committee trusts that its appeal may not be in vain, but that the ensuing year may see many of these citizens enrolled in the Society's membership list. With funds thus augmented the Society's perpetuity will be insured and the field and scope of its labors may be widened in proportion.

The Executive Committee is deeply grateful for the gifts and bequests of the Society's friends during the past. Their gifts were generous; their example worthy of emulation. They should inspire the members with pride and stimulate their interest in enabling the Committee to successfully cope with the Society's necessities and to accomplish the plans which it has in mind for the Society's future.

## MEETINGS.

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On December 5, 1905, at a special meeting of the Society the portraits of Joseph Duncan, fifth Governor of Illinois, and of John Peter Altgeld, twentieth Governor of Illinois, were formally presented to the Society. The portrait of Governor Duncan was presented by his grandchildren, William Clement Putnam and Elizabeth Duncan Putnam, and the address written by E. W. Blatchford on the "Life and Times of Governor Duncan" was read by Mr. Frank Hamlin in absence of Mr. Blatchford. The portrait of Governor Altgeld, by Ralph Clarkson, was presented by Joseph S. Martin and an address on the life of Governor Altgeld was read by Hon. Edward Osgood Brown. Both of these addresses were published by the Society, illustrated with the portraits of Governors Duncan and Altgeld.

An address read by Clarence W. Alvord, of the University of Illinois, February 2, 1906, before a special meeting of the Society, gave an account of his finding at Chester, Illinois, some 3,500 documents relating to the French period of Illinois History. This address was later published by the Society, as "The Old Kaskaskia Records."

On February 27, 1906, at a special meeting of the Society Paul Selby read an address on "The Achievement of Lincoln as Shown in the Emancipation Policy."

The amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, proposed at the last annual meeting were brought up at this time, but failed to pass, owing to lack of a quorum.

On April 27, 1906, Professor Evarts Boutell Greene, of the Chair of History in the University of Illinois, read an address before a special meeting of the Society, on the subject: "The Treatment of State History," being a plea in favor of the scientific treatment of economic and social conditions rather than the usual antiquarian and romantic treatment.

On April 14, 21 and 28, at 11 a. m., Prof. Charles W. Mann, of Lewis Institute, gave three lectures to the children of members of the Society on the following subjects: "The Northwest and Illinois," "County and Territory of Illinois" and "Chicago and the State of Illinois." The lectures were illustrated by many stereopticon views and were largely attended and highly appreciated by adults as well as the children.

The use of the Society's building was granted to the Daughters of the American Revolution for the purpose of their reception to Mrs. Donald McLean, their President General, on the afternoon of October 20, 1906. More than seven hundred persons attended the reception.

### MEMBERSHIP.

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During the fiscal year closing to-day the Society has added to its roll (including the members elected this evening), two life members, seven annual members, one honorary member and sixteen corresponding members as follows:

#### LIFE MEMBER.

GERHARD H. HILLEBRAND  
JAMES HENRY ROBERTS

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS.

LOUIS LEE DENT  
HENRY EDWARD HAMILTON  
JAMES ALEXANDER KIRK  
EDWARD ALBERT LEICHT  
IRA N. MORRIS  
FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SMITH  
CORNELIUS J. TON

#### HONORARY MEMBER.

EDMUND JANES JAMES

#### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD  
FRANK W. CRANE  
ARTHUR G. DOUGHTY  
EVARTS BOUTELL GREENE  
FRANK R. GROVER  
ELIJAH KENT HUBBARD  
JAMES ALTON JAMES  
JOSEPH STANLEY MARTIN  
EDWARD J. PARKER  
PAUL CHRISTIAN PETERSON  
ELIZABETH DUNCAN PUTNAM  
WILLIAM CLEMENT PUTNAM  
WILLIAM RADEBAUGH  
EDWIN ERLE SPARKS  
THOMAS STRONGIN THE ARM WALLIN  
EMMA L. PETITCLERE.



During the year seven annual members have resigned, and one has been transferred to life membership. Death has taken from us two life members, three annual members, one honorary member and one corresponding member.

The following is a summary of the present membership by classes:

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Honorary life members.....  | 4     |
| Life members.....           | 25    |
| Annual members .....        | 176   |
| Honorary members.....       | 11    |
| Corresponding members ..... | 97    |
|                             | <hr/> |
|                             | 313   |

Time continues to lengthen the roll of those who have passed from us. During the year seven names have been added to the list.

MARSHALL FIELD, life member since 1869, died of pneumonia in New York City, January 16, 1906. MR. FIELD was born at Conway, Mass., in 1835, came to Chicago at the age of 21 years and began as a clerk in the dry-goods house of Cooley, Wadsworth & Co. This firm changed soon to Cooley, Farwell & Co.; in 1860 to Cooley, Farwell, Field & Co.; in 1862 to Farwell, Field & Co.; in 1865 to Field, Palmer & Leiter and two years later to Field & Leiter. Mr. Leiter withdrew in 1881 and for twenty-five years the firm has been Marshall Field & Co. MR. FIELD was not merely the nominal head, but the very soul and spirit. He was director also of ten other great corporations, whose combined capitalization is over two and a half billions of dollars and whose annual business amounted to more than a billion dollars. Besides these he was an influential factor in at least twenty other of the largest corporations in the United States. Few men could have been so greatly missed in the commercial world.

With all this MR. FIELD was in no sense a mere money-maker. He was interested in and gave aid to every movement for the improvement of the city or for the benefit of the people. He left to the people of Chicago a priceless legacy in the great museum that bears his name.

He was always a friend of this Society. He gave lib-



erally toward the construction of its various homes. He generously paid for the publication of Volume III of the Society's Collections "The Edwards Papers"; and he presented to the Society the large and valuable collection of manuscripts known as the "Madison Papers."

On the occasion of his death the Executive Committee adopted resolutions expressing its sense of the Society's loss and ordered that these be spread upon the Society's Records.

WILLIAM CLEMENT PUTNAM died January 20, 1906, at his home in Davenport, Iowa, the city of his birth and lifelong residence, just one month after his election to corresponding membership in the Society. On December 5, preceding his death, MR. PUTNAM had been present, with his sister, Elizabeth Duncan Putnam, when they presented to the Society the portrait of their grandfather, Joseph Duncan, fifth Governor of Illinois, on which occasion an address by Hon. Eliphalet W. Blatchford was delivered on "The Life and Times of Joseph Duncan." At his death, MR. PUTNAM bequeathed his entire estate, amounting to half a million dollars, to the Academy of Sciences of his native city.

WILLIAM JOSEPH QUAN, life member since 1870, was born May 14, 1826, in Waterford, Ireland, and came to America at the age of twenty years. He settled in St. Louis, and obtained a position in the wholesale grocery house of Waterman & Ryan. He worked up until he became manager of the firm. In 1850 he went to Galena, Illinois, where he established the wholesale grocery house of Klingel and Quan. In 1865 he came to Chicago and started in business for himself under the firm name of W. J. Quan & Co., located at 33 South Water Street. He was burned out by the Great Fire of 1871, but immediately began business again under the Madison Street bridge. Mr. Quan retired from active business in 1903. He was one of the founders of St. Mary's Training School at Feehanville, Illinois, and was President of the School for two terms. He was also one of the original members of the Irish Catholic Colonization Society, and was the treasurer as long as the Society was in existence. The Historical Society was always prominent in his interest; he was rarely absent from an annual meeting

of the Society and was a frequent and interested visitor at its building. He died September 17th, 1906, in Evanston, Illinois.

At the last annual meeting this Society elected JOSEPH EASTON GARY an honorary member. On October 31 he died suddenly at his home, 369 Ontario street. The cause of his death was heart failure. JUDGE GARY was born at Potsdam, N. Y., July 9, 1821, of Puritan ancestry. In 1833 he went to St. Louis, where he worked at the carpenter's trade and studied law. He soon moved to Springfield, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar in 1844. In 1849 he went to California and for seven years he saw much of the west as it was then. In 1856 he settled in Chicago and became law-partner of the late Judge Tuley, and in 1859 he became associated with Evert and James Van Buren. In 1863 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court, a position which he filled for forty-three years, until his death. In the cases tried and decided in these years by JUDGE GARY much of Chicago's History has been made, but without doubt the supreme incident in his life was the trial of the anarchists, in 1886. At the close of that trial, in sentencing the prisoners, JUDGE GARY used the following significant and important language: "Not the least among the hardships of the peaceable, frugal, and laborious poor is to endure the tyranny of mobs, who, with lawless force, dictate to them, under penalty of peril to life and limb, where, when and upon what terms they may earn a livelihood for themselves and their families. Any government that is worthy of the name will strenuously endeavor to secure to all within its jurisdiction freedom to follow their lawful avocations in safety for their property and their persons, while obeying the law.

"And law is common sense.

"It holds each man responsible for the natural and probable consequences of his own acts. It holds that whoever advises murder is himself guilty of the murder that is committed pursuant to his advice; and if men band together for forcible resistance to the execution of the law and advise murder as the means of making such resistance effectual, whether such advice is to one man to murder another, or to a numerous class to murder men of another class, all who are so banded together are guilty of any murder that is committed in pursuance of such advice.

"The people of this country love their institutions. They love their homes. They love their property. They will never consent that by violence and murder those institutions shall be broken down, their homes despoiled, and their property destroyed. And the people are strong enough to protect and sustain their institutions, and to punish all offenders against their laws; and those who threaten danger to civil society, if the law is enforced, are leading to destruction whoever may attempt to execute such threats.

"The existing order of society can be changed only by the will of the majority.

"Each man has full right to advocate by speech or print such opinions as suit himself; but if he proposes murder as a means of enforcing them, he puts his own life at stake; and no clamor about free speech, or evils to be cured, or wrongs to be redressed, will shield him from the consequences of his crime. His liberty is not a license to destroy."

One of the Society's highly prized possessions is JUDGE GARY's original manuscript of this memorable address.

MRS. LUCRETIA JANE TILTON, annual member since 1897, died at her residence, 24 Junior Terrace, November 4, after a few weeks' illness. She was born in Keene, N. H., and was the wife of the late Lucian Tilton, a former member of this Society and a director of the Illinois Central Railroad. MRS. TILTON was well known in Chicago in church and charitable work for many years. During the Civil War she lived in the Abraham Lincoln house in Springfield, Ill., and often visited the military camps and attended the sick soldiers. She was one of the twelve charter members of the Chicago Woman's Club, and was always interested in its work. The Illinois Training School for Nurses was organized in her home. MRS. TILTON's interest in this Society was never abated, and in her will she bequeathed to it the sum of three thousand dollars as a memorial to her husband.

JOHN CALVIN WELLING, annual member since 1899, died of bronchitis November 9, 1906, at his residence in Hyde Park. MR. WELLING was of Puritan stock and was born on the ancestral farm near Pennington, New Jersey, February 24, 1840. His education was obtained at the

Academies of Lawrence and Trenton. At the age of 21 years he entered the government service as a clerk in the postal department. After five years he entered the banking house of Robert Lenox Kennedy in New York City. In 1874 he came to Chicago in the capacity of acting secretary of the Illinois Central Railroad, in whose service he remained until his death. He held successively the positions of assistant treasurer, auditor, general auditor and comptroller, being elected vice president in 1890 and director in 1892.

MR. WELLING was active in other local enterprises. He was a director of the World's Columbian Exposition, and of the Illinois Trust and Savings and Corn Exchange Banks. He was a member of the Union League Club and Homewood Country Club and an elder in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church.

## DONATIONS.

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The Executive Committee is pleased to report that the friends of the Society continue to contribute to its Collections many valuable gifts. The total number of gifts during the year exceeds two thousand. In the Librarian's Report on pages 101-132 will be found special mention of many gifts to the Library. In the appended list of Donors (pages 141-151) will be found an alphabetical list of persons and institutions who have generously remembered the Society, and a tabulated statement of the articles given. The following donations deserve special mention.

MRS. LUCRETIA JANE TILTON bequeathed to the Society the sum of three thousand dollars as a memorial to her husband, Lucian Tilton, a former member of the Executive Committee of the Society.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT gave one hundred and fifty dollars to defray the expenses of the lectures given by C. W. Mann.

THE ALUMNÆ OF DEARBORN SEMINARY, of Chicago, through the agency of Mrs. C. L. Hutchinson, presented to the Society a life size marble bust of Zwinglius Grover, for many years President of the Seminary. The bust is the work of Leonard Volk.



MR. SANFORD B. FRENCH gave to the Society an oil portrait of Sidney A. Kent, donor of the Kent Chemical Laboratory, of the University of Chicago.

An oil portrait of the Hon. Buckner S. Morris, second mayor of Chicago, 1838, was presented to the Society by MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., DR. O. L. SCHMIDT and MR. CHARLES F. GUNTHER.

The portrait in oil of Edward Burling, formerly a member of the Society, was given by the artist, MRS. SARAH E. G. WHEELER.

CHARLES DICKINSON gave a large framed photographic group of more than five hundred members of the Chicago Board of Trade, with key to the same.

MRS. ALBERT S. EDWARDS gave the Society a picture of Mrs. Ninian W. Edwards, and a picture of the Lincoln Home, Springfield, Ill.

Photographic views of Kaskaskia, Ill., were presented by GEN. JOHN CORSON SMITH.

MR. WILLIAM A. MEESE, Moline, Ill., gave photographic views of Old Fort Armstrong, and of the home and tomb of Elisha Kent Kane.

A view of Chicago in 1844 showing the Old Volunteer Fire Department on parade and the first fire engine in Chicago, was given to the Society by JOHN CAMPION, Chief of the Fire Department.

From MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., were received a framed photograph of a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, and a bronze medallion of the Washington Centennial Celebration, held in New York, 1889.

MISS L. W. LULL presented a photograph of her father, O. R. W. LULL, formerly a member of this Society; and also photographs of Captain John Wilson and John M. Newton, who were both lost in the disaster of the Lady Elgin, September 8, 1860.

MR. WALTER B. DOUGLAS, St. Louis, Mo., gave plaster casts of the Cahokia Mound, near East St. Louis.

From the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF THE JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES was received a medal commemorating the event.

MR. OSSIAN GUTHRIE gave several photographs showing glacial relics from the Drainage Canal, also a collection of specimens of wood from prehistoric forests on the present site of Chicago.

The box and its contents, taken from the corner-stone of the old Cook County Court House torn down in 1905-6, was given by the HON. EDWARD J. BRUNDAGE, President of the Board of Cook County Commissioners.

From MR. GEORGE W. LEMAR came an Indian necklace made of bones of dog, deer and elk, found in a pot near the Desplaines River by Major S. E. Blunt, and also a canister and grape shot dredged from the Chicago River under supervision of Major Blunt, supposed to be from Fort Dearborn.

From MR. DROIT, Cahokia, Ill., through MISS VALENTINE SMITH, the Society received an old wrought iron fire-hoe and two fire-dogs.

MRS. B. GIROUX gave an electrotype of the badge of the Chicago Light Guards.

A photographic copy of Eastman Johnson's "Boyhood of Lincoln" and a photograph of General Grant were given by DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

MR. CHARLES HARPEL gave several tickets of admission to the Republican National Convention June 19, 1888.

The Notarial Seal used by Col. Richard J. Hamilton, first Notary Public for Cook County, and brought to Chicago in 1834, was given by his son MR. HENRY E. HAMILTON.



A photograph of the post office at Cairo, Ill., General Grant and General McClelland in the foreground, was given by MR. J. A. LEMCKE, Indianapolis, Ind.

From MR. GEORGE MORRIS ECKLES was received a framed photographic copy of a portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

From MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., were received sixteen relics of historic interest found by him on and near Starved Rock, among these being fragments of pottery, arrow-heads, copper pendants and spear-heads.

A silk badge with picture of Stephen A. Douglas upon it and bearing the words "Democratic Invincible Club, Chicago," was given to the Society by MR. E. F. LEONARD, Amherst, Mass.

Photographs of Kaskaskia and St. Genevieve, were given by MR. T. A. O'SHAUNESSY.

From HON. J. M. ELLIOTT, Mayor of Metropolis, Ill., through MISS VALENTINE SMITH, an old flint lock from a musket and a six-pound cannon ball, relics from the site of Old Fort Massac, were received.

Large photographs of the laying of the corner-stone of the Cook County Court House and badge worn by members of the Committee on Arrangements were given by HON. EDWARD J. BRUNDAGE.

A small obelisk cut from stone from the Cook County Court House erected in 1851, was presented by MR. OWEN BROWN, who made it.

A cane made from oak and walnut wood taken from the Lincoln House, Springfield, Ill., was given by MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR., to whom it was given by Mr. William McCombs, Ottawa, Ill.

MRS. LILY M. REDMOND gave photographs of cross of Marquette, at Cross Village, Michigan.

Framed engravings of Stephen F. Gale and R. F. A. Damen, S. J., and of the Fireman's Benevolent Association monument, were presented by THOMAS BUCKLEY.

A large framed photographic reproduction of Sulley's portrait of Thomas Jefferson was given by CHARLES W. MANN, of Lewis Institute.

## PUBLICATIONS.

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Since the last report, the Executive Committee has printed and distributed to members of the Society:

Year-Book of the Society, 1905-06, with report of the annual meeting held November 21, 1905.

"Biographical Sketch of Hon. Joseph Duncan, Fifth Governor of Illinois," by E. W. Blatchford, LL. D., read before the Society December 5, 1905, on the occasion of the presentation of Governor Duncan's portrait by his grandchildren, William Clement Putnam and Elizabeth Duncan Putnam.

"Biographical Sketch of the Hon. John Peter Altgeld, Twentieth Governor of Illinois," by Edward Osgood Brown, read before the Society December 5, 1905, on the occasion of the presentation of the portrait of Governor Altgeld by Joseph S. Martin.

"The Old Kaskaskia Records," by Clarence W. Alvord, read before the Society, February 2, 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

JAMES W. FERTIG,

*Secretary.*

MR FISHER moved that the report of the Executive Committee be received, approved and placed on file. The motion was seconded by MR. FERGUS and carried.

The Librarian's report was then presented as follows:

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the Executive Committee of the Chicago Historical Society:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending November 20, 1906.

### *Attendance—*

The number of visitors to the library and collections exclusive of attendance at special functions, such as receptions, lectures, etc., is as follows:

|              | READERS |       | VISITORS |       | TOTALS |
|--------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
|              | Men     | Women | Men      | Women |        |
| 1st quarter, | 76      | 27    | 193      | 107   | 403    |
| 2d quarter,  | 98      | 23    | 221      | 171   | 513    |
| 3d quarter,  | 83      | 88    | 191      | 156   | 438    |
| 4th quarter, | 96      | 26    | 199      | 128   | 449    |
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|              | 353     | 84    | 804      | 562   | 1,803  |

Total Readers, 437. Total Visitors, 1,366.

Applications filed for books record 2,031 volumes specifically called for. A classification of the application blanks shows the relative demand in the different classes of works to be as follows:

|  | No. volumes |
|--|-------------|
| Chicago history, geography, etc.....       | 618         |
| Illinois history, geography, etc.....      | 547         |
| Chicago and Illinois newspapers.....       | 117         |
| "Old Northwest" and Mississippi Valley.... | 114         |
| Biography .....                            | 59          |
| Manuscripts .....                          | 4           |
| Indians and antiquities .....              | 8           |
| Reference and miscellaneous works.....     | 564         |
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|  | 2,031       |

*Attendance—(Continued).*

The manuscript and documentary materials of the Library have as usual been drawn upon extensively during the past year as bases for numerous doctrinal theses, and in some cases these have been prepared almost entirely from the collections here. One subject upon which we are told we have more material than can be found in any other library is the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the reason being that, in addition to having all printed reports, this Society owns the entire collection of William H. Swift's papers, 1843-1871. Mr. Swift was appointed Canal Trustee in 1845.

Among the visitors who have signed the Register during the past year are the usual number of descendants of early residents of Illinois, "may their tribes increase," also an unusual number of writers and educators, among them the following:

Governor Charles S. Deneen, whose parents were residents of Illinois in 1836.

Miss Elizabeth Duncan Putnam and Mr. W. C. Putnam, grandchildren of Governor Joseph Duncan.

Mrs. Mary R. Thomas and Judge James H. Roberts, daughter and son of Edmund Roberts, who came to Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1810, and was one of three Commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, who laid out the town of Chicago in 1826.

Mr. Chas. Isaac Hardy, son of Isaac Hardy, who was Canal Commissioner at Chicago in 1848, having come here several years previously.

Mr. Dearborn Melvill, son of Robert W. Melvill, of Galena, and a descendant of Gen. Henry Dearborn.

General A. L. Chetlain, who came to the lead mines of Illinois at Galena in 1826 and to Chicago in 1872.

Mrs. Eliza Cassidy Blake, who came to Chicago in 1837.

Mrs. Sarah Gould Wheeler, daughter of P. N. Gould, who came to Chicago in 1849.

Mr. George Perrin Davis, son of Judge David Davis, of Bloomington.

Mr. Richard Pickering, now of Seattle, Wash., son of Martha Flower and nephew of George Flower, founder, with Morris Birkbeck, of the English Settlement in Illinois in 1817. Mr. Pickering remembers as a boy in Albion hearing Mr. Flower read aloud

*Attendance—(Continued).*

evenings from his manuscript *The English Settlement in Edwards County*, in the presence of neighbors whom he had invited to criticise it. This manuscript was presented by the author to the Chicago Historical Society in 1860 and fortunately had been loaned a few days before the Great Fire in October, 1871. It was edited by Hon. E. B. Washburne and published by the Society in 1881 as Volume I. of its Collections. This volume is now out of print and is becoming rare. The original manuscript is still in the possession of the Society.

Mr. E. J. Alden, Chicago, a direct descendant of John Alden.

Miss M. J. Day, J. E. Day and L. H. Day, grandchildren of Ebenezer Day, of Ogle County.

William H. Gale, who arrived in Chicago in 1835.

W. J. Onahan, who arrived in Chicago September, 1854.

Mrs. Lavinia Jones Lee, daughter of John Jones, who arrived in Chicago in 1845 and who, though a free-born mulatto, fell under the "Black Code of Illinois," which unjust laws he was largely instrumental in having repealed. His certificate of freedom with that of his wife, dated Madison County, 1844, were many years ago filed with this Society, and are still treasured in its archives. Mrs. Lee last year presented an oil portrait of her father to the Society.

Hon. W. J. McGee, Director of the Museum of Art, St. Louis.

Dr. Arthur G. Doughty, Canadian Archivist.

Rev. Father O. E. Mathieu, Directeur de l'Université de Laval, Quebec.

Rev. Father C. Q. Gariépy, Directeur du Grand Séminaire, Quebec.

Rev. Father P. M. O'Leary, Archives Department, Ottawa, Canada.

Professor G. Frederick Wright, Oberlin University.

Professor N. Hermann Oncken, University of Chicago.

Professors Evarts B. Greene and Clarence W. Alvord, of the University of Illinois.

Professor J. W. Putnam, of the University of Missouri.



### *Attendance—(Continued).*

Mrs. Donald McLean, President General of the D. A. R.  
Hon. William A. Meese, Moline, Ill.

Classes accompanied by teachers from the following schools have among others visited the Library and Museum: School of Education of the University of Chicago. Library School of the University of Illinois. University School for Girls. Chicago Latin School. Wendell Phillips High School.

On the evening of February 13 the Building was opened for the benefit of the Hiji Club, an organization within the Young Men's Christian Association, formed for the purpose of studying the various institutions of the city. Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., very kindly assisted the Librarian in explaining the Library and Collections to the Club, who took so lively an interest in the exhibits that it was eleven o'clock before any one thought of taking his departure. In a letter later to the Librarian the Director of Social Work in the Y. M. C. A. said "In behalf of the Hiji Club I wish to thank you for the very generous and kindly reception you extended to them. The men are a unit in expressing their appreciation of the value of their visit," Miss Jane Addams not long ago said to the Librarian that she intended to bring a class of Greeks here to prove to them that Chicago as well as Athens has something beautiful and old to be proud of. Such instances as these emphasize the fact that this institution has a distinct social value in cultivating civic pride and patriotism, thus assisting our city to assimilate its constantly growing foreign population.

### *Cataloguing—*

There have been catalogued 3,154 volumes for which 3,615 cards have been typewritten for the new catalogue, and 1,941 new entries added to the old catalogue. The total number of cards now in the new catalogue is 18,802. This is exclusive of the Index of Portraits, and the Index of Views.

In accordance with a custom which has heretofore prevailed in this Society of designating collections of manuscripts, other than official documents, either by the name of the donor or of the person instrumental in securing them,



### *Cataloguing—(Continued).*

as a permanent memorial to those who have shown their interest in the Society in this manner, the Executive Committee have during the year past thus designated two collections of manuscripts hitherto unnamed. I refer to the Edward Gay Mason Collection of French manuscripts, and to the Otto L. Schmidt Collection, also in the French language. This designation will greatly facilitate the cataloguing of these large collections.

A branch of the year's cataloguing which will be of interest to many students of history is a calendar of all the manuscripts of general interest in the Library of the Chicago Historical Society. The first part of this calendar has just been published in the *Report on Canadian Archives for 1905*, Volume I. and represents the result of several weeks' work by a representative of the Archives Department. It is part of the large plan of Dr. A. G. Doughty, C. M. G., Dominion Archivist, to make known the original sources existing in different parts of the world for the study of the history of New France, which plan has received the most cordial support of this Society, whose documents have been pronounced of much importance.

Summaries of the manuscript collections of this Society had previously been compiled by the Librarian and furnished to the Carnegie Institution and to the Wisconsin Historical Society, but have not as yet been published.

### *Binding and Shelving—*

There have been bound for the Society during the last year somewhat less than 100 volumes mainly historical magazines constantly used in the reference work. This small amount of binding by no means represents the needs of the Library in this direction. On the contrary it is evidence of the very small sum available for this branch of the work, for it includes considerably less than one-tenth of the volumes which can truthfully be said to be deteriorating for want of binding. This is particularly true of the priceless files of early Illinois and Chicago newspapers, many of whose original sheep backs have long since crumbled into dust, leaving their owners too weak to stand erect upon the shelves. And this brings us to the matter of shelving for newspaper files.

### *Binding and Shelving—(Continued).*

Experts long ago agreed that newspapers should not be made to stand erect, but should be filed on horizontal roller shelves to prevent the back breaking which results when heavy volumes are placed in an upright position.

Attention is called to the fact that by reason of the rapid increase of accessions to the Gilpin Library in the last ten years the shelving provided when the building was erected long since became inadequate, and that now the temporary stacks donated by Dr. O. L. Schmidt are filled to their capacity. It is much to be hoped that this condition, brought about largely by the increased generosity of friends of the Society, can be provided for by the replacing of the temporary stacks, which have now served the purpose for which they were originally donated, with modern steel stacks. This will go far to restore the Library room to its original beauty of proportion, and will permit the proper display of the Society's large and priceless collections relative to the Old Northwest, which appear insignificant in shelves that cannot be adjusted to the various sizes of books, nor be properly lighted.

### *Photographs—*

The past summer saw the accomplishment of a task long deferred, namely, the classifying and filing of the extensive collections of early prints, photographs and stereoscopic views of historic places and personages in Illinois and the Mississippi Valley. These have accumulated during a long period and, for want of proper filing cases, have in many cases been allowed to lie on shelves with books, in covers that inadequately protected them from our all pervading soot. At the time this building was erected steel filing cases for photographs were almost unheard of, but these can now be had in any desired style. In the meantime pasteboard filing boxes have been procured for a small sum and these with a number of portfolios will house the collection for the present comfortably, if not as handsomely as they deserve.

That this collection in reality constitutes one of the most valuable assets of the Society is shown by its being in almost daily requisition by publishers of books, newspapers

### *Photographs—(Continued).*

and magazines of the highest class. The rule of the Society requiring that credit for the ownership of the original shall be given in each case of reproduction of these pictures insures publicity to the Society's work in this line.

During last winter artists employed by the White City Company worked here almost continuously, making sketches of pre-fire buildings from hundreds of stereoscopic views in the Library. Nowhere else could these views have been obtained and without them the gigantic and beautiful reproduction of "Chicago Before, During and After the Fire," would have been impossible. It is to be regretted that acknowledgment of this indebtedness was inadvertently omitted in the literature published by the White City, contrary to the express agreement of the President of that company.

In September when preparations were going forward for laying the corner-stone of the new Cook County Court House, the Commissioners appealed to the Society for pictures of earlier Court Houses, and no one was more surprised than they when we were able to produce views of four antedating the one recently demolished, 1835, 1851-3, 1858, 1870 and the ruins of 1871. These reproduced in sepia tone from the original views were mounted on brown tinted paper, bound together by brown ribbons to form a handsome portfolio and presented to the Commissioners, together with a reprint of the first Chicago directory and other souvenirs of early days, all of which were placed in the corner-stone by the Commissioners, who repeatedly expressed their indebtedness to the Society, both in the newspapers and by letter. The Society was represented at the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone by Mr. Franklin H. Head, Mr. George Merryweather, Mr. C. F. Gunther and the Librarian.

A number of views of Chicago in the fifties, and a collection of political buttons and badges of the Lincoln Campaign of 1860 were recently copied to be used in the Autobiography of Carl Schurz, now appearing in *McClure's Magazine*. These will all be credited to the Society and are mentioned merely to show that the valuable collections of relics are becoming generally known.

### *Photographs—(Continued).*

In view of the perennial interest excited by these old views it would seem that some systematic effort should be made to add to the collection, which is by no means complete, for doubtless many original photographs, daguerreotypes, etc., are in existence to-day stowed away in the attics of early residents throughout Illinois. It is hoped that wide publicity will be given to the fact that the Society is trying to preserve this material which will be increasingly interesting as time goes on. In a paper read before the Illinois Historical Society your Librarian suggested the formation of photographic clubs whose members should undertake the photographic survey of their own localities, making pictures of all historic sites and buildings, of which there are not a few still standing, in Illinois.

It has been a matter of regret and of some chagrin to members of this Society that several buildings dating from the early days of Chicago, and which serve as notches to mark her growth, have been razed to the ground before any one thought to send a photographer to the spot. There are now standing within a few blocks of this Building several beautiful old homes, built immediately after the fire, and in other parts of the city houses of a much earlier period, destined in a few years to succumb to the inevitable advance of the apartment building, which is so rapidly robbing the city of its individuality.

Should the Society deem it within its province, a photographic section could be added to its other activities merely by the purchase of a camera, for a member of the present staff could operate it, thus obviating the necessity for the services of a professional photographer each time that a view of a building was desired, or a portrait or manuscript had to be copied. It is possible that a camera would prove an economy. At all events let us hope that one will be found among the Jubilee presents when the Society celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation in February, 1907.

### *Special Exhibits—*

On February 27, when Mr. Paul Selby delivered his address on "The Foresight and Achievement of Lincoln As Shown in His Emancipation Policy," an exhibit was made



### *Special Exhibits—(Continued).*

of portraits, manuscripts, relics and printed works relating to Lincoln.

On April 7, 14, 21, in connection with the course of Saturday lectures to children, delivered by Professor Chas. W. Mann, exhibits were made of Indian relics, and souvenirs of the early Northwest and Chicago, also histories and stories of this part of the country published especially for children.

On October 20 a special exhibit was made in honor of the Chicago Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who on that occasion tendered a reception to their President General, Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York. The articles specially exhibited were as follows:

#### I. ILLINOIS AND THE WEST IN THE REVOLUTION—

Oil portrait of George Rogers Clark, copied for the Society from the original from life, by Joseph H. Bush, owned by Clark's great grand nephew, William C. Gamble.

Autograph letter of Clark's, dated "Miami," 13 Nov., 1782," describing capture of "Chillicauthy."

Map of Clark's route through Illinois, 1778.

Photographs of Fort Massac, Fort Gage, Kaskaskia and Cahokia.

Cannon ball and flint-lock from Fort Massac.

Original passport of Father Gibault, the priestly ally of Gen. Clark, to come to the Illinois Country, signed by Sir Guy Carleton, Governor of Canada, 7 June, 1768.

Original manuscript will of Father Gibault, 8 Sept., 1782.

Original Record Book, kept by John Todd, the first civil governor of Illinois, then a county of Virginia.

Elizabeth Zane's spinning-wheel.

Original oil portraits of General John Edgar, of the British Navy, and his American wife, who came to Kaskaskia in 1784. Mrs. Edgar was a brilliant woman and the projector of many plans whereby soldiers in the British Army, tired of fighting



### *Special Exhibits—(Continued).*

against the cause of freedom, made their escape and joined the Americans.

#### II. RELICS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON—

Original portrait of Washington, by Chas. Wilson Peale.

Mahogany chair owned and personally used by Washington at his home in Virginia. Accompanied by affidavits of owners.

Razor once the property of Washington, with initials "G. W." in silver inlay on handle.

Lancet used by Washington, accompanied by a note from a Mrs. Lewis, to whose father the lancet was presented by General Washington himself.

Photographic copy of the rare profile portrait of Washington before he wore artificial teeth, of which Josiah Quincy wrote—Boston, 18 Dec., 1862, "The portrait certainly satisfies my recollections of him as he appeared in 1789 and 1790."

Marine spy-glass, used in United States Navy during Revolution.

#### *Library Extension—*

For lack of a better term I have designated as above the propaganda of the Library. Perhaps the most important measure looking toward giving greater publicity to the Society's work was the reprinting of 2,500 copies of our section of the *Hand-book of Libraries in Chicago*, published last year by the Chicago Library Club. Of these 1,500 copies have been distributed to members, visitors, and to the several women's clubs, which are making a special study of Illinois history. At the close of the reception of the Daughters of American Revolution on October 20, five hundred copies were handed to the ladies as they left the building and there were many expressions of pleasure at having this pretty souvenir of the Society's work to carry away with them.

With the purpose of promoting interest in local historical studies, more work has been done with women's clubs than heretofore, with the result that several prominent

### *Library Extension—(Continued).*

clubs have formed sections for the special study of Illinois history. One has adopted a Syllabus on the subject prepared by your Librarian, who had the honor of presiding at the first meeting, giving a brief address on "The Ice Age in the Chicago Region," illustrated by a remarkable series of photographs of glaciated boulders, presented to the Society by Mr. Ossian Guthrie. One hundred copies of the Hand-book were distributed there.

On February 20 the Irving Park Woman's Club devoted their entire program to the study of the Chicago Historical Society. On that occasion a member of your Executive Committee presented the Club with souvenir programs bearing a vignette of the Society's Building.

There can be little doubt that the study of Illinois history by women's clubs will be productive of good results, for largely through the efforts of these organizations of energetic and bright women, public sentiment, which in some localities was almost quiescent, has been re-awakened to the desirability of marking historic sites and the preservation of ancient landmarks.

The following are the various organizations addressed by the Librarian during the year past:

November 7, Municipal Museum—Subject: "The Chicago Historical Society and the Schools."

November 27, Irving Park Woman's Club—Subject: "The Chicago Historical Society."

January 25, Illinois State Historical Society—Subject: "Libraries as Local History Centers—The Chicago Historical Society."

February 20, Lake View Woman's Club—Subject: "Old Homes in Lake View."

October 26, West End Woman's Club—Subject: "Ice Age in the Chicago Region."

### *Field Work—*

The following excursions have been made by members of your Executive Committee and the Librarian:

May 23—Expedition conducted by Mr. Ossian Guthrie, consisting of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., Mr. T. A. O'Shaughnessy, photographer, and the

### *Field Work—(Continued).*

Librarian, for the purpose of locating the sites of Marquette's winter cabin, his refuge in the freshet of 1674, and his portage in 1673. The results of this expedition will be reported upon by Mr. Guthrie.

July 14-16—Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., made a trip to La Salle County and brought back to the Society several interesting photographs and relics from Starved Rock.

August 22-23—OTTAWA COLLECTION. Mr. Kerfoot made a second trip to La Salle County, which resulted in the purchase at one-fifth of its appraised value, of the most valuable addition that has yet been made to the Society's collection of Indian relics. It consists of some fifteen hundred specimens, many of them of rare beauty and perfection, and all of them unearthed in La Salle and Putnam Counties, Illinois. Stone axes, war clubs, anvils and hammer-stones, paint cups and paint sticks, mortars and pestles, flint and granite drills and tools, iron axes and tomahawks, arrow and spear-heads and points, flint knives and scrapers, bows and arrows, Indian pottery beads and pipes, and two Indian skulls. With the collection were also secured relics of the Blackhawk and other wars, flint locks, sword hilts, bayonets, tent pegs and hooks, etc., and several relics of pioneer days in Illinois. Mr. Kerfoot spent several days in examining, verifying, and cataloguing this collection before purchasing it for the Society. The arrows and spear-heads and the points are not identified except by County, but the catalogue of over one hundred of the principal relics gives the exact place of their discovery, naming farm, mound, bridge or rock, where they were found, thus adding greatly to the value of the collection. When these relics are properly installed in the museum the collection should be exceedingly attractive and instructive.

October 14—The Librarian and Mr. Guthrie made an expedition to Starved Rock under the guidance of Mrs. E. L. Petittclere, of the Ottawa Library, special attention being given to evidences of glaciation along the route. The only discovery made was a magnificent collection of photographs of the Illinois River

### *Field Work—(Continued).*

Valley, made by an amateur photographer of Ottawa. Rare local pamphlets and a petrified chambered nautilus of local habitat have since been presented to the Society by Mrs. Petitchere.

October 20—Dr. Schmidt, Mr. Head, Mr. Kerfoot, and Mr. Guthrie went to the yards of the Chicago Ship Building Company at South Chicago to witness the launching of the largest vessel ever built on the lakes—The Philip A. B. Weidner.

### *Accessions—*

#### *The Kingsbury Papers—*

It is a pleasure to report that the Accession Record, which last year at this time was twelve months behind in its entries, was by June first of this year brought up to date. The additions to the Library by gift and purchase since November 20, 1905, are as follow:

|              |                    |                  |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 724 volumes, | 913 pamphlets,     | 115 manuscripts, |
| 24 maps,     | 115 miscellaneous, | 1,819 total.     |

There was one important purchase of manuscripts during the year, namely, the papers (1804 to 1813) of Colonel Jacob Kingsbury, an old Revolutionary soldier, a companion of Wayne, and for many years commander at Detroit, Mackinac and other western posts. This collection will be particularly interesting to Chicago people for many of its documents bear upon a subject dear to the heart of every loyal Chicagoan—Fort Dearborn—Old Fort Dearborn, built by Captain John Whistler in 1803 and burned to the ground in the Massacre of 1812. Beside letters of Captain Whistler, there are those of Captain Nathan Heald, Lieutenant Helm, who survived the Massacre, and of Matthew Irwin and others who were victims, and there is one written to the martyred Captain William Wells.

A summary of the papers is as follows:

Book I. Copies of letters written and received by Col. Kingsbury, June to September, 1804.

Book II. *Ditto*, October, 1804, to October, 1805.

Book III. *Ditto*, April to June, 1810.

Original documents and letters, forty-one in number, 1804 to 1813, from commanders at Detroit, Mackinac, Fort



*Kingsbury Papers—(Continued).*

Dearborn, Fort Wayne, Fort Bellefontaine, Fort Industry, Fort Madison, etc.

One of the earlier letters in Col. Kingsbury's first Letter-book contains information as to conditions at Fort Dearborn, which, though not startling, is new. It reads as follows:

"DETROIT, 12 July, 1804.

"CAPTAIN JOHN WHISTLER

Commanding Fort Dearborn

"DEAR SIR—I am informed by Major Pike and Doctor Smith that your men are almost destitute of every article of clothing. Immediately on the report being made to me I ordered the Brig Adams to take on board for your post clothing for your men, pots to cook in, a whip saw, stationery, hospital stores, etc. I shall with the greatest cheerfulness do everything in my power to make your situation as agreeable as possible.

"I think you deserve great credit for the work you have done, considering you had no clothing for your men nor even the necessary tools to work with. I have forwarded the plan of your garrison agreeably to your wishes to the Inspector and presume it will be pleasing to him and to the Secretary of War.

"I am

Dear Sir

With great esteem

Your mo. ob. Servt.

(Signed)

"Jacob Kingsbury, Lt. Col.

"1st Regt. Infantry."

The copy of Captain Whistler's reply to the above follows:

"FORT DEARBORN, 26 July, 1804.

"SIR—I received your favor of the 12th inst. per Dr. Smith. I have received the clothing & the other articles you mentioned, the whip saw can but be of very little use without files as the timber we saw is oak, there is no other at this post. McKenzie will be coming to this place in the course of next month, he would bring with him if they were given him. . . . I opened the Hhd. and examined the clothing to see if they were damaged. . . . I find there



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are but sixty-six complete suits for a year, the company is sixty-six strong. . . . I had but one Fife & that is lost by accident. I hope you'll order two to be forwarded, as I have that number of Fifers.

"Dear Colonel,

"I am your very Hu. Ser.,

(Signed)

"J. Whistler, Capt."

"To COLO. KINGSBURY,

"Commandant, Detroit:

"Hon'd by Capt. Lee."

Colonel Kingsbury's next letter to Whistler is dated "16 Oct., 1804," at Mickilimackinac, to which post he had been transferred. In this he mentions a drum that had been taken to Ft. Dearborn by mistake and continues—"I am informed that you have a very great plenty of black walnut boards, and plank at your garrison. If you have more than you want for your own use you will greatly oblige an old friend and brother soldier."

The next document is the first original manuscript by the hand of the sturdy Captain Whistler and reads as follows:

"FORT DEARBORN, 3d November, 1804.

"DEAR SIR—I had the honor of receiving your favor of the sixteenth ultimo by Capt. Rough. I have sent two Drums as I had got them. They wanted head and Cords. I have sent two walnut planks, which I hope you will please accept off. They are all I can send at present, as I have not as yet made a single table for myself. . . . I am sorry to observe that I have been under the disagreeable necessity of arresting Doctor Smith. I wish to say no more on the subject, it is to disagreeable.

"Dear Sir,

I am with respect,

Your very Humbl Servt.,

"J. Whistler, Captain."

A post-script marked "Private" is as follows:

"N. B.—I have the happiness of informing you that my oldest Daughter was married on the first instant to a gentleman of my old acquaintance (James Abbott) one whom I had a great opinion off. J. W." On the outside of

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the sheet, which was folded and sealed with red wax, is the following: "Col. Kingsbury will please to observe that the two largest planks are for him as I find there are others put on board. J. Whistler."

The eldest daughter above referred to was Sarah, who was a young lady of sixteen summers when the Whistler family arrived at Fort Dearborn in August, 1803, and was consequently barely eighteen when she was married to James Abbott, of Detroit. This was doubtless the first wedding between white persons in Chicago, and the wedding journey was made overland to Detroit on horse back, the bride and groom tenting in the woods at night. The Society possesses a portrait of Sarah Whistler Abbott presented by a Chicago descendant of Captain John Whistler.

On 27 May, 1810, Captain Whistler writes in a characteristic letter from Fort Dearborn, "I have received orders to repair to Detroit and report myself to you and take Command of Captain Rhea's Company there. There are some of those malignant wretches could they lay their hands on their hearts and say we are as clean of defrauding the Public or any others as I am it would be adding greatly to their honor—Jouitt for one. As for Thompson he must alter for the better or he will never have the honor of serving his country with as much justice as I have. Jouitt and Kinzie have heretofore told me of his bad deeds. Jouitt particularly says he was a darned Rascal. I expect to leave here with Captain Heald's express in a few days, my Family will go in the Brig."

11 June, 1810, Col. Kingsbury writes to Mathew Irwin, Contracting Agent at Fort Dearborn, "I have received yours of the 29th or 30th of April, I hope you will in future all live agreeably at Fort Dearborn and have no cause of complaint. It appears that the Secretary of War preferred dispersing the officers at Ft. Dearborn to ordering a Court Martial."

8 June, 1810, Captain Nathan Heald writes from Fort Dearborn, "I am sorry to inform you I am not pleased with my situation and cannot think of spending the winter here—I have written to Genl. Gansvoort for leave of absence and if I cannot obtain it shall resign—My friend Lieut. Baker can thus come in for the command of this post. It is a good

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place for a man who has a family & can content himself to live remote from the civilized part of the world."

Colonel Kingsbury under date of June 26, 1811, writes,  
"District Orders

"Lieutenant L. T. Helm of the 1st Regt. of Infantry is transferred to Captain N. Heald's Company, Fort Dearborn, to which post he will repair with as little delay as possible."

It will be seen from the letters quoted above that the collection is full of valuable side-lights upon life at Fort Dearborn, and upon the manners and customs of frontier military posts; moreover in these three or four hundred documents there is a store of information as to the personnel of commands in the District of the Lakes which will furnish new material for history.

The Society's already extensive World's Columbian Exposition (Chicago, 1893,) collections have been greatly enriched by Mr. John Barrett Kerfoot, of New York, a native Chicagoan and a member of the family which for forty-seven years has been identified with the Society's work and for twenty years has been represented on its Executive Committee. Mr. Kerfoot's gift was shipped to the Society in two large packing cases and consists of histories, reports, catalogues, photographic and other illustrations, programs, tickets, newspapers, clippings, souvenirs of various kinds; many of which are rare and all of them most interesting. Accompanying the collection is a thoroughly digested scheme for its mounting in scrap-book or portfolio form, and a supply of paper specially prepared and cut for that purpose. The Librarian hopes during the ensuing year to have this collection mounted as "The J. B. Kerfoot Collection" and ready for exhibition at the next annual meeting. It is most gratifying to have such substantial testimony that the Society retains the loyalty of a scion of Chicago, though he has become an adopted son of Manhattan.

The most important purchase of the year from a bibliographical standpoint is "Description of the Bounty Lands in the State of Illinois" by E. Dana, Cincinnati, Looker, Reynolds & Co., 1819. The little book is of exceeding rarity and this copy is perfect and in the original light gray boards. The lands referred to are what is

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known as the "Military Tract" and were given as a bounty to the soldiers of the War of 1812, being the peninsula between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. The minute description of each range here given was doubtless read eagerly by eastern and English farmers, and such bits as the following quickly seized upon. "Township No. VII., Range I. all rich, rolling, open, high prairie [*sic*] covered with tall grass, without any trees," for in 1823 when, partly through the circulation of this book the fame of the tract had been noised abroad, there was a rush of immigrants to Illinois and in 1824-5 within its limits were formed the counties of Adams, Calhoun, Hancock, Schuyler, Knox, Warren, Peoria, Mercer, Henry and Putnam, Pike and Fulton having been formed in 1821 and 1823. This book in 1878 sold for \$8.50 and the Society was glad to pay \$17.50 in 1906.

Bound with the above is a curious guide, "Description of the Principal Roads and Routes, by land and water through the United States," by E. Dana, Cincinnati, 1819. The name Chicago is not listed except as applied to the river, but Fort Dearborn is set down as 270 miles by water from Mackinaw Straits. Some of the stopping places noted in Illinois Territory on the route from Vincennes to St. Louis are Higgin's, DeLong's, M'Cauley's, Little Wabash, Ruddyford's, Brimberry's, Kane's, Carlile, and Cahokia.

The following is a classified list of other important additions to the Library:

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Grant of land in "Military Tract," Illinois Territory, to James Thompson, signed by James Monroe, 10 June, 1818. Vellum. "Store-book" of General John Edgar's general store at Kaskaskia. The accounts cover the period from 1807 to 1823 and furnish a long list of well-known citizens of Kaskaskia during this time, among them Auguste Chouteau, Esq., Nicholas Jarrot, Esq., John Hays, Esq., William Biggs, and Jesse Morrison. Also Account-book of Dr. Enoch Paine, of Kaskaskia, 1817-23. Items such as shawls, buffalo robes, and baths are charged and many accounts end abruptly with "To obituary, \$10.00." The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.



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MANUSCRIPTS.

Letter from President Roosevelt to Senator Cullom, dated Oyster Bay, July 20, 1906, regretting his inability to be present at laying of corner-stone of Cook County Court House. The gift of MR. EDWARD J. BRUNDAGE, President Board Commissioners Cook County.

Letter of Gen. Henry Dearborn to Gen. James Wilkinson, dated War Dept., Nov. 8th, 1806. The gift of MR. WM. A. MEESE, of Moline, Ill.

Two very interesting letters from Ebenezer Peck, dated Chicago, July 16, 1835, and Jan. 17, 1836. The gifts of MRS. CHAS. J. HAWKINS, through Mr. Sherwood Raymond.

"Chicago Fire Guard," Organization, 1842. This document is very valuable as it contains the signatures of many early citizens of Chicago. The gift of MR. JOHN CAMPION.

"Washington Engine Company, No. 10": Constitution, By-Laws, Members, and Records, 1856-1858. This exceedingly interesting record in Mr. Buckley's beautiful handwriting is a relic also of the great fire, having been in the Merchants' Fire Ins. Co.'s vault at that time. Diploma awarded to Thos. Buckley for the best lightning-rod insulators, by the Chicago Mechanics Institute, 1860. Thos. Buckley's Certificate to Life Membership in Firemen's Benevolent Association of the City of Chicago. The gifts of MR. THOMAS BUCKLEY.

Verse in Autograph Album by John Brown, Jr., dated Chicago, 1861. The gift of MRS. LAVINIA JONES LEE.

Autograph letter of Sarah W. Bigelow, dated Chicago, Oct. 11, 1871, describing conditions after the Fire. The gift of MISS SARAH MARSH.

Right of Way granted for Lake Shore Drive, Sept. 11, 1874. The gift of MR. CHARLES HARPEL.

"Henry Eddy," a biographical sketch, by Elizabeth Eddy Carroll. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Sketch of Capt. Joseph Ogle," by Wm. A. Meese, Moline, 1906. The gift of the AUTHOR.



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MANUSCRIPTS.

"George B. Armstrong and the Railway Mail Service," The gift of MR. GEORGE B. ARMSTRONG.

"Reminiscences of Albany, Ill.," by Norman Harrison, Dixon, Ill., 1905. The gift of DR. CHARLES N. HARRISON.

"Early Social Life in Chicago," by Mrs. Sarah S. Blair, 1905. The gift of the AUTHOR.

LINCOLNIANA.

Petition of Joshua Gibson of Sangamon Co., Ill., for a writ of *Certiorari*; photograph of ms. by hand of Abraham Lincoln, 1851. The gift of J. B. OAKLEAF, of Moline, Ill.

"Lincoln's Definition of Democracy." Copy from original manuscript in possession of Judge Jas. B. Bradwell. The gift of JUDGE JAS. B. BRADWELL.

"Writings of Abraham Lincoln," ed. by Arthur Brooks Lapsley, vols. 5-8, Federal Edition, G. P. Putnam's Sons, *pub.*, New York, 1906. These volumes complete the most beautiful and worthy edition of Lincoln's writings ever published, bearing the stamp of genuineness on every page. It contains many letters from this Society's collections, which are fully acknowledged in the preface to volume one. The gift of the PUBLISHERS.

"Complete Works of Abraham Lincoln, edited by John G. Nicolay and John Hay;" New ed., New York, Francis D. Tandy Co., vols. 1-8. "Abraham Lincoln, an Appreciation," Francis D. Tandy Co., New York, *n. d.* The gifts of the PUBLISHERS.

Lincoln Campaign Ticket, Chicago, 1860. The gift of MR. R. H. STANLEY, Salt Lake City.

"Reply of Hon. Abraham Lincoln to Hon. S. A. Douglas," delivered at Springfield, July 17, 1858. "Speech of Hon. Richard Yates, Delivered at the Republican Ratification Meeting, Springfield, June 7, 1860." The gifts of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Bugle Call," by Geo. F. Root; Chicago, 1863. This rare collection of songs contains many relating to Lincoln. The gift of MR. GEORGE MERRYWEATHER.

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"Old Abe's Jokes, Fresh from Abraham's Bosom," by T. R. Dawley, New York, 1864.

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"Phrenological Journal and Life Illustrated," vols. 39-42, Jan. 1864--Dec. 1865. Contains several "readings" of Lincoln's head.

"Abraham Lincoln, an Address" by Hon. Newton Bateman, LL. D., Galesburg, 1899. The gift of MR. PAUL SELBY.

"Abraham Lincoln and His Last Resting Place," comp. by Edward S. Johnson, Springfield, 1903. The gift of the COMPILER.

"Religious Views of Abraham Lincoln," comp. by Orrin Henry Pennell, Alliance, 1899. The gift of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"Abraham Lincoln, the Typical Sermon," by Rev. Wingfield C. Snodgrass, D.D., Plainfield, 1905. The gift of MR. JUDD STEWART.

"The Children's Life of Abraham Lincoln," by M. Louise Putnam, Chicago, 1905. The gift of MR. OGDEN T. MCCLURG.

"The Middle-West Advocate: Abraham Lincoln Birthday Number," Feb., 1906, Rock Island, 1906. The gift of MR. J. B. OAKLEAF.

"Leslie's Weekly: Lincoln's Birthday Number," Feb. 10, 1906, New York, 1906. "Collier's, The National Weekly; Lincoln's Birthday Number," Feb., 1906, New York, 1906. The gifts of MR. SAMUEL H. KERFOOT, JR.

"List of Lincolniana in the Library of Congress, Revised ed., with Supplement;" Washington, 1906, The gift of the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

CHICAGO IMPRINTS.

Merchants & Planters Bank Note for \$100.00, dated Chicago, 1838. The gift of MR. CHARLES H. CONNER.

Four bills, signed by L. W. Claypool, dated Chicago, 1843-4. The gifts of MR. HENRY C. CLAYPOOL.

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CHICAGO IMPRINTS.

Map of Chicago and vicinity, comp. by Reese & Rucker, Chicago, 1849. The gift of MR. CLARENCE A. BURLEY.

Hungarian Fund, One Dollar Certificate of Subscription to Fund, New York, 2nd Feb., 1852, signed by L. Kossuth. The gift of MISS CAROLINE A. BLODGETT.

Foster House, Chicago, Bill of Fare, Feb. 24th, 1856. The gift of MR. CHAS. HARPEL.

"Western Farmer's New and Universal Hand-book," by Keen & Lee, Chicago, 1856. "Captivity of the Oatman Girls," by R. B. Stratton, Chicago, 1857. The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"Bradbury's Sabbath School Choir," Chicago, S. C. Griggs & Co., 1857.

"Emery's Journal of Agriculture and the Prairie Farmer," vol. 2, 1858, Chicago, 1858.

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"Chicago and One Hundred Miles Around," by Mrs. M. L. Rayne, Chicago, R. Edwards [1865].

"Sunshine and Shadows along the Pathway of Life," by Mrs. M. G. Clarke, Chicago, 1865.

Three Advertisements by Farwell & Co., Chicago, 1866. The gift of J. H. NITCHIE.

"Eighth Annual Statement of the Trade and Commerce of Chicago." Chicago Tribune, 1866.

"First Loves, with Sketches of the Poets," by S. M. Kennedy, Chicago, 1867.

"The Voices of the Wind, and Other Poems," by P. Fishe Reed, Chicago, Myers & Chandler, 1868.

"Uncle Timothy; or, Our Bible Class," by Mrs. Caroline Fairfield Corbin, Chicago, 1868.

"Poems of Julius Rodenberg," by Wm. Vocke, Chicago, Western News Co., 1869.

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"Chicago Legal News," Vols. 1-3, 1868-71.

"Letters of Peregrine Pickle," by George P. Upton, Chicago, Western News Co., 1869.

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"Railroad Life in America," by Wild Edgerton, Chicago, Birney Hand & Co., 1870.

Opera House Art Gallery Ticket, 1870, Chicago, 1870. The gift of Miss L. W. LULL.

"The Little Corporal," 1868-72, Sewell & Miller, *pub.*, Chicago, A. L. Sewell & Co., 8 vols.

"Political Recollections, 1840 to 1872," by Geo. W. Julian, Chicago, 1874. The gift of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"Poems of the Farm and Fireside," by Eugene J. Hall, Chicago, Jansen, McClurg & Co., 1875.

"The Church on the Frontier," by Rev. Arthur Mitchell, D.D., Chicago, 1878. The gift of J. H. NITCHIE.

A collection of old songs by Chicago composers, among them the following:

"There's a Cottage on the Hill-side of the Noble Prairie State," Chicago, H. M. Higgins, 1863.

"Battle-Cry of Freedom," by Geo. F. Root, Chicago, Root & Cady, 1862.

"The Patriot Mother's Prayer—Protect My Boy," by J. P. Webster, Chicago, 1863.

"From Home and From Thee," by Antonio de Anguera, Chicago, 1863.

"Richmond House Polka," by A. J. Vaas, Chicago, 1859.

"Zouave Cadets Quickstep," by A. J. Vaas, Chicago, 1860.

"Fort Donelson," Polka by Silas C. Pratt, Chicago, 1862.

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"Skedaddle," by John Molter, Chicago, 1862.

"Mabel Clare," by Miss Rosetta Lunt, Chicago, 1861.

"My Angel Mother's Name," by Miss Linda Hays, Chicago, 1860.

"Love Bewitched Am I of Jennie," by L. V. H. Crosby, Chicago, O. P. Faulds, 1862.

LOCAL FICTION AND VERSE.

"The Common Lot," by Robert Herrick, New York, 1905. Autograph presentation by AUTHOR.

"Memoirs of An American Citizen," by Robert Herrick. New York, MacMillan Co., 1905. The gift of the PUBLISHERS.

"Heart's Desire," by Emerson Hough, New York, 1905. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Poems," by John Vance Cheney, Boston, 1905. Autograph presentation by the AUTHOR.

"The Moon Princess, a Fairy-tale," by Edith Ogden Harrison, Chicago, 1905. "A Sword of the Old Frontier, a Tale of Fort Chartres and Detroit," by Randall Parrish, Chicago, 1905. The gifts of MR. OGDEN T. McCLURG.

"The McVeys, An Episode," by Joseph Kirkland, Boston, 1888. "The Jungle," by Upton Sinclair, New York, 1906. The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

"A Child's Thoughts in Rhyme," by Myra Bradwell Helmer, Chicago, 1903. "Short Stories," by Myra Bradwell Helmer, Chicago, 1897. The gifts of JUDGE JAMES B. BRADWELL.

"Old Gorgon Graham, More Letters from a Self-made Merchant to his Son," by George Horace Lorimer, New York, 1904. The gift of MISS CAROLINE M. McILVAINE.

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CHICAGO MISCELLANY.

A collection of programs, etc., of the laying of the corner-stone of the new Cook County Court House, Sept. 21, 1906. A collection of Early Chicago newspapers, taken from the corner-stone of the last Court House, and many souvenirs of the laying of that corner-stone. The gifts of MR. EDWARD J. BRUNDAGE, President Board Commissioners Cook County.

"The New Church and Chicago," by Rudolph Williams, Chicago, 1906. Autograph presentation by AUTHOR.

"Jubilee Services of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, June 24-27, 1883," Chicago, 1883. The gift of J. H. NITCHIE.

"The First Baptist Church of Chicago, 70 years of History, 1833-1903," by Edward Goodman, Chicago, 1904-5. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Echoes of the Chicago Fire," by Samuel S. Greeley, Chicago, 1906. (In the Real Estate News, Oct., 1906.) The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

"The March of Chicago," by Horace Spencer Fiske, Chicago, 1903. The gift of MISS CAROLINE M. McILVAINE.

"Design for controlling Works at Chicago End of Drainage Canal," by Ossian Guthrie, n.p., 1900. The gift of MR. OSSIAN GUTHRIE.

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"Old Time Facts and Fancies:" Scrap-book on Early Chicago, comp. by Chas. Harpel. The gift of the COMPILER.

Thirty volumes of directories, Chicago and vicinity. The gifts of MR. C. H. MULLIKEN.

"Chicago Blue Book," 1901, 1905. "Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago," 1902, Chicago Directory Co., *pub.*, 1902. The gifts of DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT.

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ILLINOIS.

"Woman, Her Qualities, Titles and Rights," by Mr. Cabet, Nauvoo, Icarian Printing Establishment, 1855. This curious little work by the founder of the Icarian Community is the gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT

"Description of the Bounty Lands in the State of Illinois," by E. Dana, Cincinnati, Looker, Reynolds & Co., 1819. (For description see page 117)

"Description of the Principal Roads and Routes, by Land and Water through the United States" by E. Dana, Cincinnati, 1819. (For description see page 118.)

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"A Contribution Toward a Bibliography of Morris Bickbeck and the English Settlement in Edwards Co., Ill.," by Charles Wesley Smith, appended to the preceding. This is a valuable piece of work. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Historic Illinois, The Romance of the Earlier Days," by Randall Parrish, Chicago, 1905. The gift of MR. OGDEN T. MCCLURG.

"The Rejected Illinois County Names," by Wm. D. Barge, 1906. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Tourist's Pocket Map of the State of Illinois," by J. H. Young, Philadelphia, 1835. The gift of REV. LUTHER PARDEE.

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"Perrin's History of Illinois," Springfield, 1906. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Soil Treatment for Wheat on the Poorer Lands of the Illinois Wheat Belt," by C. G. Hopkins, Urbana, 1905. "Soil Improvements for the Illinois Corn Belt," by C. G. Hopkins, Urbana, 1905. The gifts of MR. OSSIAN GUTHRIE.

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"Representative and Belleville News," Jan. 20, 1838, by E. S. Cropley, Belleville, 1838. The gift of FRED J. KERN, Mayor of Belleville, Ill.

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"Early Rock Island," by Wm. A. Meese, Moline, 1905. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Randolph County Atlas," Chicago, 1875. Presented by the MISSES ELIZABETH AND FREDERIKA SKINNER.

"Past and Present of Vermillion County, Illinois," by G. C. Pearson, Chicago, 1903. The gift of MR. EDWARD T. RHOTEN.

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"The Widow's Mite, a Collection of Poems," by Mrs. Sarah Rockland, Groveland, Ill., 1880. The gift of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Echoes of Song," by Mrs. Lucy H. Washington, Springfield, Ill., 1878.

"Starved Rock, a Historical Sketch," by Eaton G. Osman, Ottawa. The gift of MR. S. H. KERFOOT, JR.

THE OLD NORTHWEST.

"Thoughts on the Destiny of Man. Particularly with Reference to the Present Times," by the Harmony Society of Indiana, New Harmony, 1824. "Western Agriculturist and General Intelligencer," Vol. 1., Sept., 1829-Feb., 1830, Brockville, Ind., 1829-30. [A rare item containing public improvements, Indians and legislation.] "Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the State of Indiana," 1846-1850, Madison, 1848-50. "Correspondence on the Subject of the Emigration of Indians," by the U. S. Commissary General of Subsistence, Washington, 1834. "Pioneers of the Western Reserve," by Harvey Rice, Boston, 1883. "A Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa," Lewis Pub. Co., Chicago, 1896. The gifts of DR. O. L. SCHMIDT.

"Early Settlement of the North-Western Territory to 1816," by John B. Dillon, Indianapolis, 1854. The gift of MR. CHAS. W. MANN.

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"Letters from the West, Comprising a Tour through the Western Country," by George W. Ogden, New Bedford, 1823.

"The Future of the North West," by Robert Dale Owen, Philadelphia, 1863.

"Wau-bun, the Early Day in the Northwest," by Mrs. John H. Kinzie, Philadelphia, 1873.

"Manners and Customs of the Western Indians," by Chas. W. Mann, Chicago, 1906. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Last Two Journeys of Father Marquette, with Introduction and Notes," by E. E. Sparks, Chicago, 1906. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Radisson and Hennepin in the Mississippi Valley," by Millard Fillmore Stipes, *n.p.*, 1906. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"The Northwest During the Revolution," by Charles I. Walker, Madison, 1871. The gift of MR. HENRY C. CLAYPOOL.

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"History of the Pioneer and Modern Times of Ashland County, Ohio, from the Earliest to the Present Date," by H. S. Knapp, Philadelphia, 1863.

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BIOGRAPHY AND GENEALOGY.

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Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. MCILVAINE,  
*Librarian.*

On motion of JUDGE TREE, seconded by MR. DENT, the Librarian's report was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund, MR. BURLEY presented the following report:

# RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GILPIN FUND OF THE CHICAGO HIS- TORICAL SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER 15, 1905, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1906.

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## RECEIPTS.

1905.

Nov. 15. On hand—

Certificate of deposit 42602.\$ 61.11

Cash ..... 1.00    \$    62.11

1906.

Jan. 17. Coupons on \$22,500

3½% bonds .....\$393.75

Coupons on \$42,780 4%

bonds ..... 855.60    1,249.35

July 11, Coupons on \$22,500

3½% bonds .....\$393.75

Coupons on \$42,700 4%

bonds ..... 855.60    1,249.35

Oct. 18. Interest on Certifi-

cates of Deposit .....

\$    40.11    \$2,600.92

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

July 11. Paid safety box rent

to July 1, 1907 .....

\$    10.00

Oct. 18. Paid Chicago His-

torical Society .....

1,800.00

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\$1,810.00

On hand—

Certificate of Deposit No.

.....\$727.94

Certificate No. 2963..... 62.98    \$ 790.92    \$2,600.92

#### ASSETS.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Chicago City 3½% bonds, par value ..... | \$22,500.00 |
| Chicago City 4% bonds, par value .....  | 42,780.00   |
| Certificates of Deposit .....           | 790.92      |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$66,070.92 |

#### LIABILITIES.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Amount received from Estate of Henry D. Gilpin,<br>deceased ..... | \$64,314.34 |
|   | <hr/>       |
| Surplus .....   | \$ 1,756.58 |

EUGENE H. FISHBURN,  
ERSKINE M. PHELPS,  
CLARENCE A. BURLEY,  
WALTER L. FISHER,  
Trustees.

MR. FULLER moved that the report of the Gilpin Trustees be received and referred to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by MR. BOWEN and adopted.

In absence of the Treasurer, MR. ORSON SMITH, his report and the report of the Auditing Committee were presented by the Secretary as follows:



# CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1906.

### RECEIPTS.

|  |            |             |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand November 21, 1905.                     |            | \$ 2,239.50 |
| Deposits by Secretary .....                            | \$4,781.89 |             |
| Deposits by Trustees Gilpin Fund....                   | 1,800.00   |             |
| Deposits by Valentine Smith .....                      | 100.00     |             |
| Interest on People's Gas Co. Bonds..                   | 400.00     |             |
| Interest on Commonwealth Electric<br>Co. Bonds .....   | 400.00     |             |
| Interest on Atchison, Topeka & Santa<br>Fe Bonds ..... | 220.00     |             |
| Interest on South Side Elevated Ry.<br>Bonds .....     | 180.00     |             |
| Interest on Metropolitan Elevated Ry.<br>Bonds .....   | 40.00      |             |
| Interest on Bank account .....                         | 34.85      | 7,956.74    |
|  |            | <hr/>       |
|  |            | \$10,196.24 |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

|  |            |             |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Vouchers issued by the Secretary,<br>countersigned by the President..... | \$7,531.46 |             |
| Balance on hand November 20, 1906..                                      | 2,664.78   | \$10,196.24 |

The above balance is made up as follows:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| General Fund .....        | \$1,776.88 |
| Jackson Fund .....        | 56.14      |
| Pond Fund .....           | 1.86       |
| Carpenter Fund .....      | 134.12     |
| Jonathan Burr Fund .....  | 62.98      |
| E. H. Stickney Fund ..... | 632.80     |

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\$2,664.78

The following securities are held in Safe Deposit Box  
of the Society:

### POND FUND.

|   |              |         |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Four (4) South Side Elevated Ry.<br>Bonds ..... | \$1,000 each | \$4,000 |
|---|--------------|---------|

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| One (1) Atchison, Topeka & Santa<br>Fe R. R. Bond ..... | 500   | 500   |
| Eight (8) Peoples' Gas Light & Coke<br>Co. Bonds .....  | 1,000 | 8,000 |
| One (1) Metropolitan Elevated R. R.<br>Bond .....       | 1,000 | 1,000 |

STICKNEY FUND.

|   |              |         |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Five (5) Atchison, Topeka & Santa<br>Fe R. R. Bonds ..... | \$1,000 each | \$5,000 |
|---|--------------|---------|

CARPENTER FUND.

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Co.<br>Bond ..... | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
|---|---------|---------|

JACKSON FUND.

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Co.<br>Bond ..... | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
|---|---------|---------|

GARRETT FUND.

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| One (1) Commonwealth Electric Co.<br>Bond ..... | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
|---|---------|---------|

WATKINS FUND.

|   |              |         |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Five (5) Commonwealth Electric Co.<br>Bonds ..... | \$1,000 each | \$5,000 |
|---|--------------|---------|

Respectfully submitted,

ORSON SMITH,  
Treasurer.

November 2, 1906.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Orson Smith, Treasurer of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending November 20, 1906, and the vouchers for every payment.

We find the same correct and the money and securities as reported.

WM. A. FULLER,  
WALTER C. NEWBERRY,  
GEO. MERRYWEATHER.

MR. PHELPS moved, seconded by DR. SCHMIDT, that the reports be received and referred to the Executive Committee. The motion prevailed.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. On motion of MR. KERFOOT seconded by GENERAL NEWBERRY, it was ordered to suspend the order of business and proceed at once to the election of new members, in order that they might participate in the election of officers.

The Secretary then read a list of persons recommended by the Executive Committee for election to membership, as follows:

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

GERHARD H. HILLEBRAND  
JAMES HENRY ROBERTS

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

CORNELIUS J. TON

### CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

FRANK W. CRANE  
ARTHUR G. DOUGHTY  
FRANK R. GROVER  
ELIJAH K. HUBBARD  
EDWARD J. PARKER  
EMMA L. PETITCLERE

MR. FISHER moved that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of those present for the election of the persons recommended by the Executive Committee for the several classes of membership.

The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed. The Secretary cast the ballot as instructed, and the President declared the persons duly elected.

The President then appointed MESSRS. GUNTHER, PHELPS and REND as a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and requested them to retire and bring in a report. The committee retired.

Under the head of deferred business the Society proceeded to take action on the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws proposed at the last Annual Meeting. The President read the first amendment as follows:

ART. II. SEC. 1. By inserting the words "*Honorary Life*" after the word "of" in the first line, and substituting the word "*twelve*" for the word "twenty" in the seventh line of said section.

MR. PHELPS moved that the amendment be adopted, seconded by MR. BOWEN and unanimously carried.

The President read the second amendment as follows:  
By substituting the following for SEC. 2. of Article II.

"The dues for membership shall be as follows: for Life-Membership, five hundred dollars payable in money, or by services rendered or donations made, and publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to exceed that amount in value to the Society; and for Annual Membership, twenty-five dollars per annum, the dues for the first fiscal year being payable within one month after election to membership and notice of such election; *provided*, that when such election shall occur after January first, the dues for the balance of said fiscal year shall be for the proportionate part of the twenty-five dollars, and payable within thirty days after such election and notice.

"Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that value to the Society's collections, may be elected Honorary Life Members, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

"The President and Secretary shall issue a Diploma, under the seal of the Society, and certifying the class of membership, to each member elected, upon payment of the dues."

On motion of MR. BURLEY, seconded by MR. FISHER, the amendment was adopted without debate.

The third amendment was then read as follows:

ART. II. SEC. 3. By substituting the word "*three*" for the word "*two*" in the third line of said section.

This amendment was adopted by common consent, it being made necessary by the first amendment.

The fourth amendment: To amend "ART. III. SEC. 5, by substituting the word "*for*" for "*in*" in the thirteenth line of said section," was then taken up. MR. FISHER raised the point that the change might make it possible to contract for the expenditure of the Society's income for a number of years in advance. Doubt as to the wisdom of the change having been expressed, MR. KERFOOT suggested that the amendment be not made. By consent this suggestion was adopted.

The amendment to ART. IV. SEC. 1. By substituting the following for the fifth and sixth lines of said section;

to-wit: "shall begin with the first day of November in each year and end with the thirty-first day of the following October," was then taken up and on motion of MR. DENT, seconded by MR. BURLEY, was unanimously adopted.

The proposal to amend ART. IV. SEC. 3. By substituting the word "*twelve*" for the word "twenty" in the first line, and the word "*seven*" for the word "ten" in the third line of said section was read by the President.

MR. PHELPS moved that the amendment be adopted. Seconded by GENERAL NEWBERRY. Carried.

The seventh proposed amendment namely, to provide a simpler method of amending the Constitution, was read by the President, as follows:

By substituting the following for Article [Chapter] V.

"This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any annual or special meeting; *provided* that the proposed alterations or amendments shall first have been approved by resolution of the Executive Committee, and that a printed or written copy of the proposed alterations or amendments shall have accompanied the notice of the meeting at which they shall be acted upon; and *provided* further that not less than twelve members having the right to vote shall be present when such vote is taken."

After a general discussion MR. FISHER moved to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words "that the proposed alterations or amendments shall first have been approved by resolution of the Executive Committee, and that". Seconded by JUDGE TREE and carried.

The proposition to amend the By-Laws, Art. I, Section 2, by inserting after the words "Vice-Presidents" in the first line the words "in the order of their seniority" was accepted by common consent.

The propositions to amend Sec. 5, Art. II, by transposing numbers 4 and 5 in Art. II, Section 5, thus making "Election of New Members" precede "Election of Officers" at the Annual Meetings: and by striking out "for the year terminating at the Annual Meeting" from number 2 of said Sec. 5 were then read and on motion of MR. PHELPS, seconded by MR. FISHER, were both adopted.



Following the adoption of the Constitution as amended the conviction was expressed by GENERAL NEWBERRY, MR. SEIPP, MR. PHELPS, JUDGE TREE, DR. ISHAM and others that a vigorous and concerted effort should be made to increase the number of the Society's members. On motion of JUDGE TREE, seconded by MR. PHELPS, the Executive Committee was instructed to prepare an invitation setting forth the claims of the Society on the Citizens of Chicago and send the same to an approved list of persons who might be deemed suitable for membership, inviting them to join the Society.

On motion of MR. KERFOOT, seconded by MR. MERRYWEATHER, the Vice Presidents of the Society were instructed to cooperate with the Executive Committee in the work of recruiting new members.

The Committee appointed by the President to nominate officers for the ensuing year, having returned to the room, their report was called for and was read by MR. GUNTHER, as follows :

Your Committee respectfully reports the following nominations:

FRANKLIN H. HEAD, for President.

THOMAS DENT, for First Vice-President.

LAMBERT TREE, for Second Vice-President.

For Members of the Executive Committee :

GEORGE MERRYWEATHER, to succeed himself,  
for the term ending November, 1910.

WILLIAM A. FULLER, to succeed himself, for the  
term ending November, 1910.

JOHN P. WILSON, to fill the vacancy caused by  
the resignation of Edward E. Ayer, for the  
term ending November, 1907.

Other nominations were called for by the President, and there being no response, on motion of MR. FISHER, seconded by MR. PHELPS, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the members present for the election of the persons nominated by the Committee for the several offices. The Secretary cast the ballot as directed and the President declared the nominees duly elected.

There being no further business before the meeting, on motion of MR. GUNTHER, seconded by MR. SEIPP, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES W. FERTIG,  
*Secretary.*

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